

ASU as a High School Student

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I am currently a junior in high school, and I have always been wondering what it would be like to go to college. Due to the help of my professor Dr. Lowder, I have been able to experience those wonders. Being able to take a college class as a junior in high school has been both frightening yet exciting. At first, it was very scary since I didn't know anyone, but after some time, I got to know some of these wonderful people. It is so amazing to see people with all these different cultures and backgrounds just interacting and having fun with each other. There are also so many opportunities that come along with college. There are so many events that are going on, some even put on by all of these clubs that they offer. Not only has this experience allowed me to meet new people, but it helped me to step out of my comfort zone. I remember going to my first ever open gym at ASU, and I won't lie, I was very nervous. Eventually, I started going to it more often and became more and more comfortable. Overall, I would say that college is not as scary as people make it seem. My experience at ASU has been incredible so far. I can't wait to see what it has in store for me with the upcoming years.

Side Note from Dr. Lowder: Malia is a student in a program called Connect Now. Connect Now courses are a selection of common first-year college courses offered on ground at ASU at Lake Havasu. Eligible high school students take classes with ASU students in actual ASU classes.

High school students who are eager to try out college courses or to use college credits to enhance their high school transcripts can



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enroll in a maximum of two courses (8 credits total) for just \$99 per course. Students are responsible for textbooks if the specific course requires one. This program is open to high school juniors and seniors who have a 3.0+ GPA. Eligible students may choose any 100- or 200-level course. Talk to your counselor about which courses may be used on your high school transcript. Start earning university credits while you are in high school!

Find out more at havasu.asu.edu/connect-now